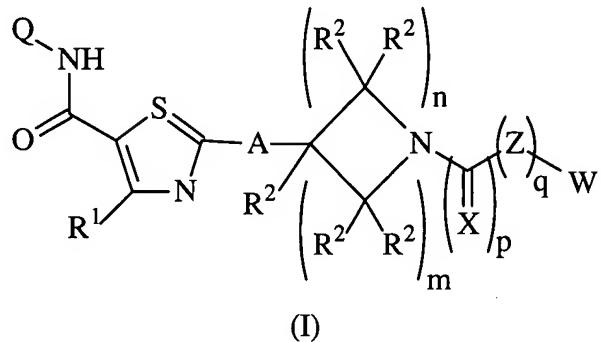
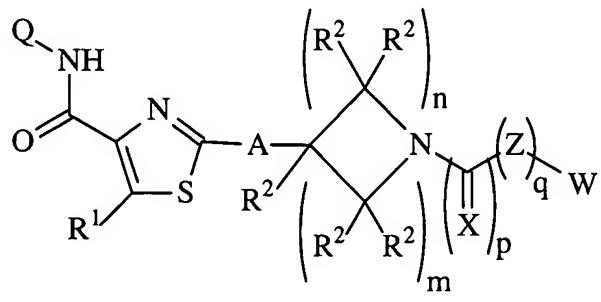


IN THE CLAIMS

1. (original) A compound of formula (I) or formula (II):



(I)



(II)

wherein:

Q is an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, aralkoxy, alkylthio, aralkylthio, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, carboxyl, carboxylalkyl, esterified carboxyl, alkylsulfoxyl, alkylsulfonyl, nitro, carbonitrile, carbo-alkoxy, carbo-aryloxy, or heterocyclic group;

A is a single bond or alkylene;

X is O or S ;

Z is O , S or NR^3 ;

p is 0 or 1;

q is 0 or 1;

n is an integer from 0 to 10;

m is an integer from 0 to 10;

W is an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, aralkoxy, alkylthio, aralkylthio, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, carboxyl, carboxylalkyl, esterified carboxyl, alkylsulfoxyl, alkylsulfonyl, nitro, carbonitrile, carbo-alkoxy, carbo-aryloxy, or heterocyclic group;

R¹ is H or alkyl;

R² is independently H or alkyl; and

R³ is H or alkyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof.

2. (original) The compound of claim 1 of formula (II).
3. (currently amended) The compound of claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~ wherein A is a single bond.
4. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of~~ claim[[s]] 1 to 3 wherein X is O.
5. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of~~ claim[[s]] 1 to 3 wherein X is S and Z is NR³.
6. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of~~ claim[[s]] 1 to 5 wherein R³ is H.
7. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of~~ claim[[s]] 1 to 6 wherein p = 1.
8. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of~~ claim[[s]] 1 to 7 wherein q = 0.
9. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of~~ claim[[s]] 1 to 8 wherein the sum n + m is an integer from 2 to 10.
10. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of~~ claim[[s]] 1 to 9 wherein the sum n + m is 4.

11. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of~~ claim[[s]] 1 to 10 wherein n = 2 and m = 2.

12. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of~~ claim[[s]] 1 to 11 wherein R¹ is H.

13. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of~~ claim[[s]] 1 to 12 wherein R² is H.

14. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of~~ claim[[s]] 1 to 13 wherein Q is an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, carboxyl, carboxylalkyl, esterified carboxyl, alkylsulfonyl or heterocyclic group.

15. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of~~ claim[[s]] 1 to 14 wherein Q comprises an optionally substituted aryl or heterocyclic group.

16. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of~~ claim[[s]] 1 to 15 wherein Q is an optionally substituted aryl or heterocyclic group.

17. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of~~ claim[[s]] 1 to 15 wherein Q comprises an optionally substituted phenyl.

18. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of~~ claim[[s]] 1 to 17 wherein Q is an optionally substituted phenyl.

19. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of~~ claim[[s]] 1 to 16 wherein Q is an optionally substituted furanyl.

20. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of~~ claim[[s]] 1 to 16 wherein Q is an optionally substituted thienyl.

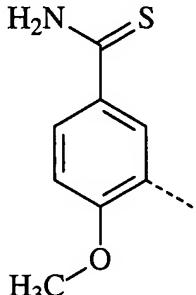
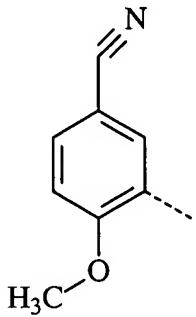
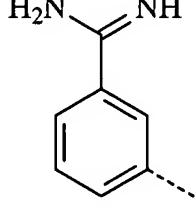
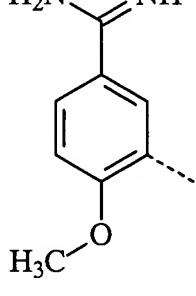
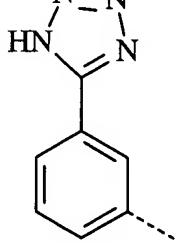
21. (currently amended) The compound of any of claim[[s]] 1 to 16 wherein Q is a radical selected from the radicals set out in table 1.

Table 1

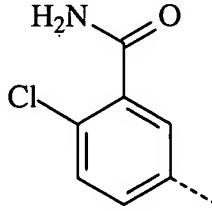
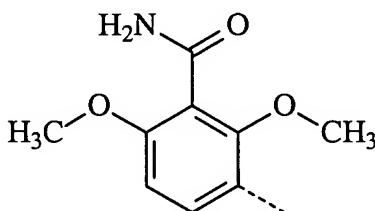
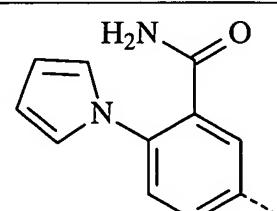
Q	Radical
Q ¹	A phenyl ring with a dashed line extending from the top-right position, and a methylsulfonyl group (-SO2CH3) attached at the same position.
Q ²	A phenyl ring with a dashed line extending from the top-right position, and an acetylamino group (-NHCOCH3) and a methoxy group (-OCH3) attached at the same position.
Q ³	A phenyl ring with a dashed line extending from the top-right position, and an acetyl group (-C(=O)NH2) and a methoxy group (-OCH3) attached at the same position.
Q ⁴	A phenyl ring with a dashed line extending from the top-right position, and an N-methylacetamide group (-NHCOCH3) and a methoxy group (-OCH3) attached at the same position.

Q^5	 A chemical structure showing a benzene ring substituted at the 4-position with a methoxy group (-OCH ₃). At the 2-position of the ring, there is a carbonyl group (C=O) attached to a methyl group (H ₃ C).
Q^6	 A chemical structure showing a benzene ring substituted at the 4-position with a methoxy group (-OCH ₃). At the 2-position of the ring, there is a carbonyl group (C=O) attached to an amino group (H ₂ N).
Q^7	 A chemical structure showing a benzene ring substituted at the 4-position with a chlorine atom (Cl). At the 2-position of the ring, there is a carbonyl group (C=O) attached to an amino group (H ₂ N), which is part of a butyl chain.
Q^8	 A chemical structure showing a benzene ring substituted at the 4-position with a methoxy group (-OCH ₃). At the 2-position of the ring, there is a carbonyl group (C=O) attached to a hydroxyl group (HO).

Q ⁹	
Q ¹⁰	
Q ¹¹	
Q ¹²	
Q ¹³	

Q ¹⁴	
Q ¹⁵	
Q ¹⁶	
Q ¹⁷	
Q ¹⁸	

Q ¹⁹	 A furan ring with a methyl group at position 2 and a 4-methoxyphenyl group at position 5.
Q ²⁰	 A furan ring with a 4-aminophenyl group at position 2.
Q ²¹	 A furan ring with a 4-aminothiophenyl group at position 2.
Q ²²	 A biphenyl ring system where the para position of one ring has an amino group at position 2.
Q ²³	 A sulfonepropane derivative where the para position of a phenyl ring is substituted with a 4-methoxyphenyl group.

Q^{24}	
Q^{25}	
Q^{26}	

22. (original) The compound of claim 21 wherein Q is Q_6 , Q_7 or Q_{10} .

23. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of~~ claim[[s]] 1 ~~to~~ 22 wherein W is an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, aralkoxy, alkylthio, aralkylthio, carboxyl, carboxylalkyl, esterified carboxyl, alkylsulfonyl, carbo-alkoxy, carbo-aryloxy or heterocyclic group.

24. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of~~ claim[[s]] 1 ~~to~~ 23 wherein W is an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl or heterocyclic group.

25. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of~~ claim[[s]] 1 ~~to~~ 24 wherein W comprises an optionally substituted aryl or heterocyclic group.

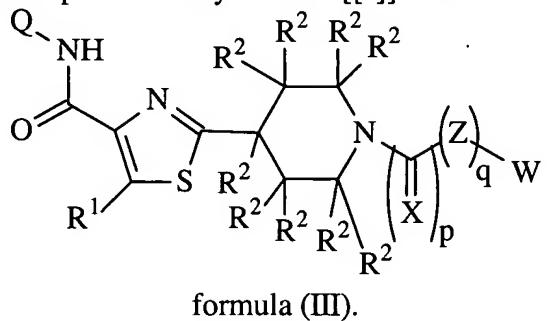
26. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of~~ claim[[s]] 1 ~~to~~ 25 wherein W is an optionally substituted aryl or heterocyclic group.

27. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim[[s]] 1 to 25~~ wherein W comprises an optionally substituted phenyl.

28. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim[[s]] 1 to 27~~ wherein W is an optionally substituted phenyl.

29. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim[[s]] 1 to 25 or 27~~ wherein W is a benzyl group optionally substituted on the phenyl ring.

30. (currently amended) A compound of ~~any of claim[[s]] 1 to 29~~ having formula (III):



31. (original) A compound of claim 1 selected from:

N-[5-(aminocarbonyl)-2-methoxyphenyl]-2-{1-[(4,7-dimethylpyrazolo[5,1-*c*][1,2,4]triazin-3-yl)carbonyl]-4-piperidinyl}-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxamide;

N-[5-(aminocarbonyl)-2-methoxyphenyl]-2-[1-(1-benzofuran-2-ylcarbonyl)-4-piperidinyl]-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxamide;

N-[5-(aminocarbonyl)-2-methoxyphenyl]-2-[1-(3-phenyl-2-propynoyl)-4-piperidinyl]-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxamide;

2-(1-{{2-(allylsulfanyl)-3-pyridinyl}carbonyl}-4-piperidinyl)-*N*-[5-(aminocarbonyl)-2-

methoxyphenyl]-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxamide;

N-[5-(aminocarbonyl)-2-methoxyphenyl]-2-{1-[(2-chlorophenyl)acetyl]-4-piperidinyl}-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxamide;

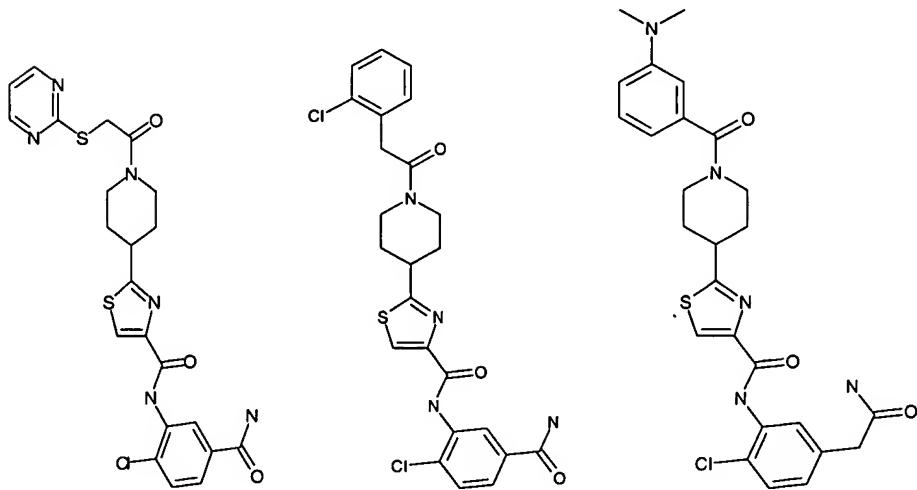
N-[5-(aminocarbonyl)-2-methoxyphenyl]-2-{1-[(3,4-dimethylphenoxy)acetyl]-4-piperidinyl}-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxamide;

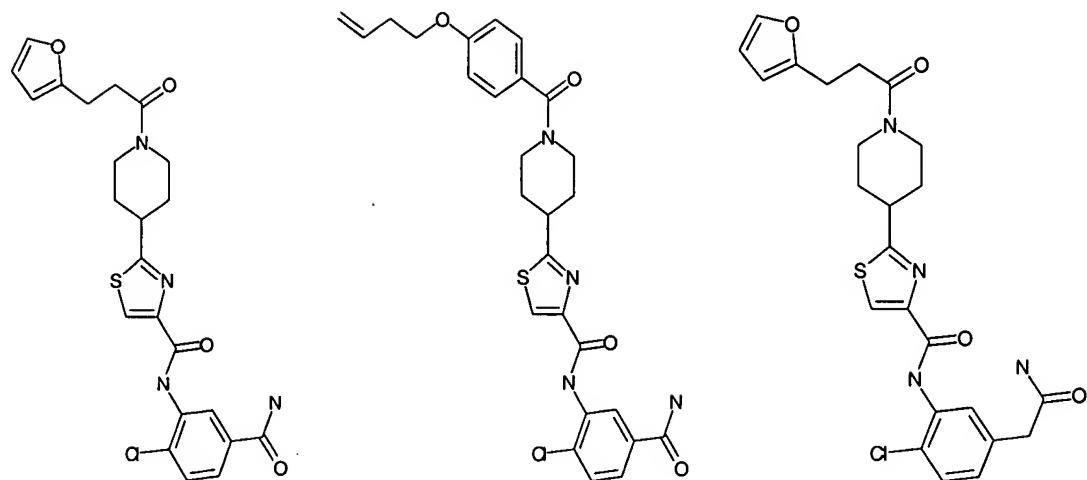
N-[5-(aminocarbonyl)-2-methoxyphenyl]-2-[1-({[4-

(dimethylamino)phenyl]amino}carbonothioyl)-4-piperidinyl]-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxamide;
or

N-[5-(aminocarbonyl)-2-methoxyphenyl]-2-(1-{{4-(2-pyridinyl)-1-piperazinyl}carbonyl}-4-piperidinyl)-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxamide.

32. (original) A compound of claim 1 selected from:





33. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any one of claim[[s]] 1 to 32~~ for use in a method of treatment of disease.

34. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any one of claim[[s]] 1 to 32~~ for use in therapy or diagnosis.

35. canceled

36. canceled

37. (currently amended) A method of treating a VEGF-mediated disorder comprising administrating to a patient in need of such treatment an effective dose of a compound of ~~any one of claim[[s]] 1-34~~.

38. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of ~~any one of claim[[s]] 1-34~~ in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent.

39. canceled

40. canceled

41. (currently amended) A method of treating acute macular degenerative disorder comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective dose of a VEGF inhibitor, wherein the VEGF inhibitor is a compound of claim 1.

42. canceled

43. (currently amended) A VEGF inhibitor for topical administration for the treatment of acute macular degenerative disorder, wherein the VEGF inhibitor is a compound of claim 1.

44. canceled

45. (currently amended) A topical system for the treatment of acute macular degenerative disorder comprising a VEGF inhibitor, wherein the VEGF inhibitor is a compound of claim 1.

46. canceled